



GENERAL ASSEMBLY

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

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AN ACT relating to health education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 158 IS CREATED TO
READ AS FOLLOWS:

(1) The General Assembly finds that:

(a) The chief cause of skin cancer is exposure to ultraviolet rays from natural
sunlight and artificial sources;

(b) According to the American Cancer Society, skin cancer is one (1) of the
most common types of cancer in the United States, with one (1) in five (5)
Americans developing skin cancer in his or her lifetime and one (1)
American dying from skin cancer every hour;

(c) The lifetime risk of getting skin cancer is linked to sun exposure and
sunburn during childhood and adolescence;

(d) World and national health organizations have published guidelines or
instructional materials regarding sun safety and skin cancer prevention for
schools; and

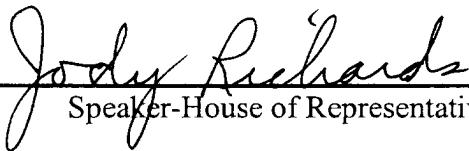
(e) Schools have the potential to positively influence pupil behavior regarding
skin cancer prevention.

(2) The General Assembly hereby encourages each public school to provide age-
appropriate education to all students on the risks associated with exposure to
ultraviolet rays from natural sunlight and artificial sources.

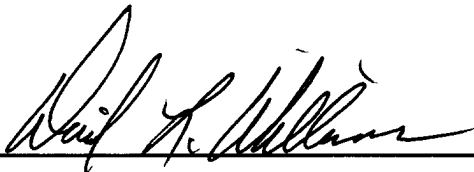
(a) The education should be included within the existing health curriculum as
required by KRS 156.160(1)(a) and in accordance with the curriculum
policy adopted by the school-based decision making council, or if none
exists, by the school principal.

(b) The education should be consistent with guidelines published by world or
national health organizations and should include, but not be limited to:

- 1 1. The facts and statistics about skin cancer;
- 2 2. The cause and impact of skin cancer; and
- 3 3. Strategies and behaviors to reduce individual risks for skin cancer.
- 4 (c) The Kentucky Department of Education shall provide instructional
- 5 resources, including information from national standards and health
- 6 organizations.



Speaker-House of Representatives



President of the Senate

Attest: 

Chief Clerk of House of Representatives

Approved 

Governor

Date 